

Lesson Eight

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Hadith 1

Somebody said to the Prophet (s), who is the best of people, the most virtuous of people? The Prophet (saw) said more or less, the one who has been swept and cleaned and purified (everyone with a heart that has been cleansed, everyone with a soft, clear heart) and a truthful tongue.

The Sahabah (r) asked what does it mean by clean heart? The Prophet (saw) said more or less, clear, purified, excellent, and the one with Taqwa (God fearing) and the one with no sins on him, and does not oppress, does not have rancor/hatred in his heart for others, and doesn't have jealousy or envy of others.

[1] Remove the love of the world, blameworthy traits

[2] A lot of the problems we have in this world are based on these problems/traits mentioned

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Hadith 2

Prophet (saw) said more or less, there are four things, which if they are in you, then it doesn't matter what you did not get from the world, everyone else may be accumulating the world, but do not worry about it – there is no blame upon you, you have not lost anything. 1) Be protective of his trusts; 2) Be truthful in speech; 3) Have good manners and character; 4) Be chaste/abstain from Haram

[1] We should be like this in private and public – we are fearful of Allah (swt) so we are protective of trusts in private also

[2] Halal income/halal food

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Hadith 3

Imam Malik mentions wisdom from Luqman the wise, someone said to Luqman the wise, how did you get to this stage you are at now? Luqman said truthfulness and always fulfilling trusts and avoiding what does not concern me.

[1] Truthful tongue. Eventually people will find out the contradiction in your story or people will figure out you are a liar.

[2] Leaving what does not concern you.

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Hadith 4

Prophet (saw) said more or less, on the Day of Judgment, the deeds will appear as agents and advocates for the person who did them. For example, Salah will come and say my Lord this is me Salah. Then Allah (swt) will say, Ok you have some goodness. Then after that Sadaqa comes. And Allah (swt) will say Ok there is some goodness. Then similarly fasting and other deeds and actions will come likewise. All good deeds that the person did will come. Allah (swt) will say to all of them this is some good.

Then Islam will come and will say oh my Lord, You are the Peaceful One, from You comes peace and safety, and I am Islam. Then Allah (swt) will say, you are also goodness (meaning you are the greatest goodness). It is because of you that I am going to seize someone/punish someone. It is because of you that I will forgive someone and pardon someone. And Allah will say yes I will accept this.

[1] Salah may not be enough.

[2] Salah comes first because people will be in trouble on that day except those who pray – those people who were mindful of their prayer, they will be in gardens honoured

[3] The Muslim should be going into Dar-us-Salaam

[4] Anyone with Islam will not be in loss, eventually they will gain salvation.

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Hadith 5

Aisha (r) relates we had this cover which had pictures of a small birds on it. Prophet (saw) said more or less, Aisha move this away, turn it around. When I see it, I remember the Dunya.

[1] Prophet (s) wanted a neutral place inside the house – doesn't remind you of the Dunya.

[2] Our lives have just become a blur – we are so distracted that we have forgotten ourselves and Allah (swt)

[3] Allah (swt) says to the near effect in the Quran, Whoever avoids Allah (swt), Allah (swt) will make them forget themselves.

[4] Have a free space

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Hadith 6

Someone came to the Prophet (saw) and said I want advice, but that is very brief. Prophet (saw) said more or less, 1) When you stand in your prayer, make the prayer a departing one, as if it is your last prayer and you are departing this world.

2) Don't make any statement from which you will have to excuse yourself from tomorrow – be prudent and careful (tomorrow could be in this world or the hereafter).

3) Just become completely despondent with what people have – do not compete with others for Dunya. Do not have your gaze on it. Lose hope – drop all hope in it.

The Akhirah is for the ones that fear your Lord.

[1] Just use that much you need in this world, do not take more.

[2] Anyone who keeps looking at what others have – that person is a Fakir – always in need

[3] The one who does not look at what others have – that person is free.

[4] Stop looking at things as they go by. Just focus on what you need.

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Hadith 7

When Mu'adh was sent to Yemen, the Prophet (saw) said more or less, Mu'adh it is very likely that after this year you may not meet me/see me and that it is very likely that you will pass by the Masjid of mine and the grave of mine.

Mu'adh becoming more fearful of the separation of the Prophet(s), he began to cry.

The Prophet (s) turned around facing Medina(opposite direction), and said more or less, the people who are going to be most closest to me are going to be the ones with Taqwa, whoever they are, wherever they are.

[1] Prophet (s) is walking while Mu'adh is on his animal - shows the humility of the Prophet(s)

[2] Doesn't matter where people are, what their race is, etc. – It is the Taqwa that will determine who is the closest to the Prophet (s).

[3] Allah (swt) says in the Quran to the near effect, We have advised the people who have been given the book before and We have advised you too, have Taqwa, fear Allah.

[4] Another Hadith: A women came to the Prophet (s) for advice. He said come back and she asked what should I do if I come and I do not find you? Prophet(s) said Abu Bakr As Siddique (r)

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Hadith 8

Prophet (s) read the following verse Whoever Allah (swt) wishes to guide, He will open up his chest to Islam or expand his chest to Islam. Prophet (saw) said more or less, when the Nur of Allah (swt) enters the chest it opens up, it expands.

Someone asked the Prophet (s), Is there a sign that your heart is expanded for Islam?

The Prophet (s) said more or less, Yes, of course there is. 1) The sign of this is that the person will start to feel distant and estranged from this deceptive world – he will no longer love the world the way he used to. He will understand he does not need all of this. If he thinks I want this in this world, he will think that he needs it in the Akhirah as well.

2) You start inclining towards the permanent abode/abode of perpetuity. Place of endurance and meeting of Allah (swt)

3) You prepare for death before it comes/before the signs of it start coming (i.e. critical illness)/

[1] Heart is only focused on Islam.

[2] It is only the heart of the believer that can take the benefit of Allah (swt)

[3] Opposite of expansion, the one who Allah (swt) wants to be misguided, Allah makes his heart tight and contracted – in Quran.

[4] Not feeling estranged from good of this world

[5] Everyday think how is your greed for this world. How is your desire/focus for the Akhirah?

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Hadith 9

Prophet (saw) said more or less, if you ever see a person who has been granted abstinence from the Dunya, whose focus is not the world, and speaks less, then grab hold of him. Be close to him. Try to get close to him, because he has been bestowed with wisdom- this is the man of wisdom.

[1] Allah (swt) says in the Quran to the near effect, Allah gives wisdom to whoever He wishes, and anyone who has been given wisdom (ability to distinguish what is right/best), he has been given an abundant amount of goodness, and it is only the people of intellect who will take heed of this and take a lesson from this.

[2] Hikmah/wisdom is to have firm action and knowledge according to the Shariah.

[3] Who ever worships Allah with Ikhlaas (sincerity) for 40 mornings, Allah (swt) will then cause fountains of wisdom to come from his heart on to his tongue

[4] Remain in the company of Allah (swt). If you cannot be in the company of Allah (swt) all the time then be in the presence of the one who is in the company of Allah (swt). If you want to find out who someone like that is – it is one who is not concerned with the Dunya, but rather focused on the Hereafter.

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